



**STRATEGY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of meeting on 4 January 2018**  
 at The Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA



**Part I – Public and Press present**

<b>1. Attendance</b>	Cllr S Ranger Cllr B Bath Cllr J Clowes Cllr S Hamilton Cllr M Street Cllr M Blomeley (not committee member)	Mrs S Davies - Clerk to the Council  Dr Stephen Smith Mr Alastair Cragg				
<b>2. Apologies</b>	<b>RESOLVED (SF17/18/63)</b> to accept apologies from Cllr R Parry (awaiting surgery), Cllr D Savage (unwell), Cllr M Ranger (otherwise engaged)					
<b>3. Declarations of Interest</b>	Cllr M Street declared an interest in item 10, Royal British legion and item 11 – St Luke's Church.					
<b>4. Public Speaking</b>	Dr Stephen Smith (Hon. Secretary, Church Hulme Parochial Church Council) and Mr Alastair Cragg (Church Warden) made a presentation to the committee in regard of the request for a contribution towards maintenance of the cemetery, and a donation towards the installation of pathways in the new cemetery. The old cemetery is virtually full (one space left), therefore the new donated ground will be required to be serviceable very soon. The committee asked questions re the supplied church accounts and about the new cemetery site.  Dr Smith and Mr Cragg left the meeting at 7.20pm					
<b>5. Committee Minutes</b>	<b>RESOLVED (SF17/18/64)</b> to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2017					
<b>6. Matters Arising</b>	<b>None</b>					
<b>7. Planning Applications</b>	The Committee considered the following planning applications listed below, and <b>RESOLVED (SF17/18/65)</b> to comment as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="427 1406 1453 2065" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 1406 863 1608"> <b>17/6332C</b>            Holmes Chapel Primary School, Middlewich Road            CW4 7EB         </td> <td data-bbox="863 1406 1453 1608">           Single storey extensions to front and rear of Holmes Chapel Primary School to provide additional pupil WC facilities   <b>NO OBJECTION</b> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 1608 863 2065"> <b>17/6113D</b>            Land off London Road,            Holmes Chapel         </td> <td data-bbox="863 1608 1453 2065">           Discharge of various conditions on application 14/5921C, for a mixed use development including residential and commercial   <b>Comments:</b>  <b>Native trees planting scheme should match the Neighbourhood Plan and be distributed over the site, not just around the boundary.</b> </td> </tr> </table>		<b>17/6332C</b> Holmes Chapel Primary School, Middlewich Road CW4 7EB	Single storey extensions to front and rear of Holmes Chapel Primary School to provide additional pupil WC facilities  <b>NO OBJECTION</b>	<b>17/6113D</b> Land off London Road, Holmes Chapel	Discharge of various conditions on application 14/5921C, for a mixed use development including residential and commercial  <b>Comments:</b> <b>Native trees planting scheme should match the Neighbourhood Plan and be distributed over the site, not just around the boundary.</b>
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<b>8. Strategic Planning Task Group</b>	<p>The committee noted the minutes from the meeting of the Task Group on 5 December 2017. Cllr Bath verbally updated the committee further to the attendance of Tom Evans, CE Planning, at the meeting of the task group.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED (SF17/18/66)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. To accept the report</li> <li>II. To note the requests for further information re s106 agreements</li> <li>III. To note that information regarding submitted sites is due in February 2018.</li> </ol>
<b>9. Cheshire East Housing Strategy Consultation 2018 - 2023</b>	<p>The Committee noted the response to the consultation compiled by the Clerk from comments submitted to her by the SPTG and <b>RESOLVED (SF17/18/67)</b> to submit the response to CE Council, with further comments relating to reference to the Cheshire East Design Guide, social and affordable housing strategy, housing density and design to be included before submission.</p>
<b>10. British Legion Meeting</b>	<p>The Clerk and Cllr Clowes updated the committee following the meeting on the 15 December 2017, where the British Legion related existing arrangements for the organisation of the remembrance parade and service and subsequently special events for the 2018 remembrance were discussed.</p> <p>The Committee <b>RESOLVED (SF17/18/68)</b> to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Accept the report, noting with thanks the exceptional support provided by the British Legion in Holmes Chapel.</li> <li>II. Arrange a further meeting during February 2018, to enable co-ordination of the special arrangements in place for the centenary remembrance in 2018. Invites to be sent to St. Luke's Church, U3A History Group, British Legion, Parish Council and HC Partnership.</li> </ol>
<b>11. Finance</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED (SF17/18/69)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. To note that the bank reconciliation for 31 December 2017 and financial reports will be presented at the council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.</li> <li>II. To note the request from St Luke's Church, and to recommend to Full Council that £2500 be allocated in the 2018/2019 budget for improvements to the pathways in the new cemetery.</li> <li>III. To note the request from St. Luke's for ongoing maintenance of the cemetery, and not to make a contribution at this time.</li> <li>IV. To enrol the Clerk onto the Cheshire pension Fund, with effect from January 2018.</li> </ol>
<b>12. Budget Setting 2018/19.</b>	<p>The Committee <b>RESOLVED (SF17/18/70)</b> to recommend the following changes to the budget for 2018/19, to full Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Following consideration of the general data protection regulations, the sum of £500 allocated.</li> <li>II. Increased spending on Village services – plants/baskets and lengthsman. These funds result from a 1.6% increase to the precept.</li> <li>III. The updated 5 year plan for capital spending was noted.</li> <li>IV. To allocate £2500 to St Luke's Church (see Finance above).</li> </ol>
<b>13. Public Speaking</b>	<p>None</p>

<b>14. Future Agenda Items</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to separate the roles of RFO and Clerk (targeted for February 2018 agenda)</li> <li>2. Data protection (targeted for the February or March 2018 agendas)</li> <li>3. Update to the Quality Council Action Plan</li> <li>4. Consideration of a youth council (targeted for February 2018 agenda)</li> <li>5. Update to the website and social media platforms (targeted for February 2018 agenda)</li> <li>6. Consideration of formal request for Parish boundary review (targeted for April 2018 agenda)</li> <li>7. Redesign of adult and older people's specialist mental health services in Cheshire East (awaiting the consultation to be initiated).</li> </ol>
<b>15. Chairman and Clerk's reports</b>	<p>The Clerk reported</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On the attendance of Cllr Street and Cllr Parry at the funeral of former parish clerk Mr Raymond Allan Moss, on 2 January 2018.</li> <li>2. The memorial bench on Parkway was subjected to damage (possibly vandalism), being moved from its position by a few feet. Cllr Gilbert repositioned the bench, but it is now not securely fixed to the ground. Cllr Street has offered to repair.</li> </ol>
<b>The meeting closed at 8.55p.m.</b>	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next Strategy & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 15 February 2018.

Signed as Chairman of the Committee as a true and accurate record

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